

MEETING NOTES

NAME OF GROUP: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, April 26, 2001, 7:30 a.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Jeff Searcy and Tom Laging

Others: Terri Dolezal and other representatives of Alltel, Bradd Schmeichel (Urban Development); Jerry Shorney (Parks & Rec.), Pat Snavely and Dan Ludwig (interested citizens); Bob Ripley (DAS/SBD Staff); Ed Zimmer (Planning Dept.)

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Scheduled Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission (no quorum)

Adding antennae to existing tower, Alltel Building at 15th & M --

Alltel representatives discussed with members present their urgent need to add four “omni” antennae to the existing tower at 15th & M, to maintain analog wireless communication service when some other antennae are removed from service early in the summer.

Members expressed the commission preference, stated in the Environs District design guidelines, that the tower be removed when it becomes obsolete. Members also discussed the importance of maintaining the tower until that time, noting visible rust on the tower. Alltel representatives stated they would encourage its improved maintenance.

Ed Zimmer suggested to the members that the Chairman use the “Certificate of No Material Effect” procedure, in consultation with the Planning Director, since a quorum is not present to act upon the application under the Certificate of Appropriateness process.

present discussed with Alltel Laging stated that this issue has been previously discussed three times by various members of the Commission. Staff has suggested that a certificate of no material effect be issued since there has been a failure to reach a quorum to allow action to be taken on this item.

Demolition of NECO buildings at 17th & J

Pat Snavely spoke with the Commissioners of her concern for the Capitol setting, and the removal of old apartment buildings. She also would not like to see the property used as surface parking by the State. Her preference would be that the property be redeveloped or rehabilitated as apartments.

South 15th St. streetlights

Bradd Schmeichel of Urban Development Dept. updated the Commissioners on plans for installing new streetlights and relandscaping the medians.